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Fire Reported Under Control At 2 P. M.: Dead Taken from Ruins

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—2 P. M.—The fire is now positively stated under control, with the probability that one-quarter of the city, lying west of Franklin Street and known as the western addition, northward to the Presidio, will be saved.

The stand made at Van Ness Avenue was generally successful, the flames crossing that avenue to the west in only a few places. The strongest fire at noon to-day was toward North Beach, east of Van Ness Avenue, but it will be controlled.

DAWN OF A NEW HOPE.

San Francisco's darkest hour has dawned into a day of hope. Its time of overwhelming disaster and peril has ended, and its future is now a subject of general consideration.

The fire is practically under control. A clear sky over the Mission District shows that the fire there has been extinguished. The spread of the flames toward the western addition, the best part of the city remaining, has been stayed, and the only portion of the conflagration that demands the attention of the fireman is that extending from the Nob Hill section down to the northwestern part of the water front.

The western addition danger was averted at 2:30 o'clock this morning by the use of gun cotton, dynamite and two streams of water. The explosives were handled by the chief gunner of the Mare Island Navy Yard, and his accomplishments proved him to be a master of his profession.

TAKEN OUT ALIVE.

Eleven postal clerks, all alive, were taken from the debris of the post-office to-day. All at first were thought to be dead, but it was found that, although they were buried in the stone, every one was alive. They had been for three days without food or water. All the mail in the postoffice was saved.

From a three-story lodging house at Fifth and Minna Streets, which collapsed Wednesday morning, more than seventy-five bodies were taken out to-day. There were fifty other dead bodies in the ruins. This building was one of the first to take fire on Fifth Street. At least one hundred persons were killed in the Cosmopolitan on Fourth Street. Many persons dropped dead to-day of heat and suffocation. More than one hundred and fifty persons are reported dead in the Brunswick Hotel, Seventh and Mission Streets.

Fourteen men were killed last night by soldiers guarding the mint, and Policeman Joseph M. Meyers was bayoneted and killed by a national guardsmen over a dispute as to authority. The men at the mint were killed for attempting robbery.

DESTITUTION AND SUFFERING.

The work of relief was started early to-day. A big bakery in the saved district started its oven and arranged to bake 50,000 loaves of bread before night. Thousands of people were in line this morning before the California Street bakery. The police and military were present in force, and each person was allowed only one loaf. The homeless people in the parks and vacant lots were provided for to-day as speedily as possible.

The destitution and suffering is indescribable. Women and children who had comfortable homes a few days ago slept last night—if sleep came at all—on hay on the wharves and on the sand lots near North Beach, some of them under the little tents made of sheeting, which poorly protected them from the chilling ocean winds. The people in the parks are possible better off in the matter of shelter, for they left their homes better prepared.

Instructions were issued by Mayor Schmitz to-day to break open every store containing provisions and to distribute them to the thousands under police supervision. The Young Men's Hebrew Association Hall, near Golden Gate Park, has been stocked with provisions for the use of needy victims in the adjacent fields.

GOOD ORDER MAINTAINED.

Both the Mayor and Chief of Police Dinan, when asked for statements by the Associated Press, expressed themselves as thankful that the fire was virtually controlled. Chief Dinan said that the order maintained fairly astonished him. He thought it due to early severe measures taken by the soldiers and police in shooting down offenders.

Two men were shot and killed this morning. Policeman Flood, on entering his home, encountered a stranger who attacked him. Flood shot him dead.

Special Policeman Snyder killed a man, but the details are not known. The only bank in the huge ruined district that escaped destruction was the Market Street Bank at the corner of Seventh and Market Streets. It is in the gutted Grand building, but the firemen saved the ground floor. It will pay out money just as soon as it hears from clearing house officials.

A corner of the city, near the Pacific Mail wharves at Second and Brannan Streets, was not ruined, and the Salers' Home is intact. The Postal Telegraph Company restored its cable connection with the Orient by establishing a station at Ocean Beach, but there is no service yet for delivering messages there.

FAMILIES SCATTERED BROADCAST.

Thousands of members of families are separated and with no means of learning one another's whereabouts. The police to-day opened up a bureau of registration to bring relatives together.

It is impossible to secure a vehicle except at exorbitant prices. One merchant yesterday engaged a teamster and horses and wagon, agreeing to pay fifty dollars an hour. Charges of twenty dollars for carrying trunks to a few blocks was common. The police and military seize teams wherever they require them, their wishes being enforced at revolver point if the owner proves indisposed to comply with the demands.

Mayor Schmitz looked weary to-day, but was energetically at work at his desk, though he had had little or no sleep. A policeman reported that two grocery stores in the neighborhood were closed, although the clerks were present.

"Smash the stores open," ordered the Mayor, "and guard them." Throughout the entire western portion of the peninsula country of San Francisco refugee camps are located. The Municipal Safety Committee has had plans for concentrating these unfortunate people in several green camps, but unless they are forcibly herded together like cattle, this scheme seems impossible of accomplishment.

UNFORTUNATES ALL A-KIN.

Major McKeevey, of the United States army, has been appointed commandant of the camps, and with his staff of assistants was to-day trying to bring some sort of system and order out of the chaotic situation. His first thought is to supply food and water, and then to arrange sanitary measures. These throngs of people are crowded elbow to elbow in the open lots and fields without conveniences that are naturally demanded, and are threatened with an epidemic of disease unless some wise precautions are speedily observed, and the authorities even as early as yesterday had men constructing necessary outhouses. Good order and fellowship seem to prevail in these haphazard settlements, and the common ruin and poverty has made all of the unfortunates akin.

In buildings close to the camps the police are storing available foodstuffs and bed clothing for convenient delivery. That there will be a just and equal distribution of supplies is evident from the temper of the city's administration. No distinctions are drawn, and only few favors shown.

ARE FACING STARVATION.

The grave question is, how soon will an adequate supply of food arrive from outside points avert famine and destitution? There is little food in San Francisco outside of what little each person possesses, and this cannot last more than a few days.

San Francisco is, geographically, an isolated city. Its nearest large neighbor on the south is Los Angeles, five hundred miles away. To the north is Portland, nearly eight hundred miles distant, and its nearest sister in the east is Salt Lake City, one thousand miles away. These cities and all of the less populated nearer towns are making sacrifice for the destitutes here, but it is to the big cities of the nation that San Francisco looks with anxious eyes for relief.

DANGER OF EXPLOSIONS.

Michael Williams, city editor of the San Francisco Examiner, made the following statement to-day:

"Shortly before 10 o'clock I boarded the government steamer Governor Sternburg, having on board members of the San Francisco Relief Committee, under orders from Colonel Reynolds, commander of the Twenty-second Infantry, to commanders of all available tugs along the water front to go to the rescue of at least ten thousand men, women and children congregated in the neighborhood of Meigs Wharf, who are menaced by the march of flames toward Telegraph and Russian Hills and the valley between. Around Meigs Wharf there are several huge oil tanks, some of them containing at least 15,000 gallons of oil. If the flames reach these tanks fearful explosions will result.

"When the Governor Sternburg left Meigs Wharf the whole of that portion of North Beach seemed doomed. The people were flocking to the wharves and crowding into all available craft."

Grand Opera Stars Fled Madly To Save Lives; Losses Very Heavy

(By Associated Press.)
OAKLAND, CAL., April 20.—The members of the Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York, all of whom suffered from the great disaster, are leaving to-day for the East. A number of principals, including Madame Sembrich, Caruso, Campanelli, Dippel, Conductors Hertz and Egan, started to-day on the Southern Pacific overland train. The greater part of the company, including the chorus and musicians, will travel by a special train via New Orleans. With this party are Scotti, Miss Walker, Miss Rappold, Plancou, Reiss, Press, Representative Melzer and Conductor Franko. All of the splendid scenery, stage fittings, costumes and musical instruments were lost in the fire which destroyed the Grand Opera House, where their season had just opened to splendid audiences. No one of the company was injured, but nearly all of them lost their personal effects. Mme. Sembrich placed her loss by the destruction of her elegant costume at \$2,000. She was fortunate enough to save her valuable pearls. The total loss to the organization may reach \$50,000.

Experiences of Musicians.

For the past two days the musicians have been suffering from the effects of the fire. They are now in a state of great distress, and are unable to perform.

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have been living with friends or camping out in the parks and on the hill-sides of San Francisco. Some were quartered at the Chutes.

When they were seen by an Associated Press representative in their special cars to-day, the operatic stars gave an interesting account of their experiences.

On the morning of the earthquake the members of the company were distributed among the different hotels, most of them being at the Palace, St. Francis and the Oaks. Caruso, Scotti, Miss Walker, Miss Abbott, Miss Jacoby and other principals were at the Palace. Plancou and Dippel and Mme. Sembrich were at the St. Francis and the musicians and the chorus at the Oaks. Mme.

night. The first impulse of many was to rush for their trains which, however, happened to be across the bay. Rosal, a favorite basso, though almost in tears, was heard trying his voice at a corner near the Palace Hotel. Gradually, calm was restored and taking a lesson from the coolness of the Californians, the artists began to regard their plight as less serious than it might have been. Nearly all suffered more or less from the sudden cutting off of the food supply.

A rush was made for the nearest grocery stores and baskets were quickly filled with provisions and what wine could be secured before the closing of the

MISFORTUNE MAKES ALL AKIN; MEN ONCE RICH NOW PENNILESS

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Once Wealthy, Now Paupers.

The common destitution and suffering have wiped out all social, financial and racial distinctions. The man who last Tuesday was a prosperous merchant is occupying with his family a little plot of ground that adjoins the open air home of a laborer. The white man of California has forgotten his antipathy to the Asiatic race, and is maintaining friendly relations with his new Chinese and Japanese neighbors. The society belle who, Tuesday night was a butterfly of fashion at the grand opera performance, was assisting some factory girl in the preparation of humble daily meals. This afternoon money had little value. The family who had had foresight to lay in the largest stock of food stuffs on the first day of the disaster is rated highest in the scale of wealth.

A few of the families who could secure cooking stoves, but over 75 per cent. of the refugees are doing their cooking on little camp-fires made of brick or stone. Kitchen utensils that last week would have been regarded with contempt are to-day articles of high value.

Slept on a Grave.

Many of the homeless people are in possession of comfortable clothing and bedding, but the great bulk of them are in need. The grass is their bed and their daily clothing their only protection against the penetrating fog of the ocean or the chilling dew of the morning. Fresh meat disappeared Wednesday morning and canned foods and bread-stuffs are the only victuals in evidence.

Not alone are the parks the places of refuge. Every large vacant lot in the

liquor establishments. The next day many were reduced to a diet of bread, chocolate and sardines.

Mr. Campanelli, the baritone resembled an emigrant when he boarded the overland train. He carried his kit tied in a gay colored blanket on his shoulder, but was in good spirits.

"It is such a change," was all he said. Another one of the party wore the flowing garb of an Arab chief and all were more or less picturesquely costumed. It was at this period that a charming contralto had been compelled to do some very necessary articles of attire which had originally been designed for a gentleman.

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Problem of Feeding Multitude.

The problem to-night confronting the city government and Federal authorities is how to feed the multitude of destitute. Supplies are coming by the train-load, but as yet the system of distribution is not in complete working order.

At the Presidio Military Reservation, where probably fifty thousand persons are camped, affairs are conducted with military precision. Water is plentiful and rations are dealt out all day long. The refugees stand patiently in line and there is not a murmur. This characteristic is observable all over the city. The people are brave and patient and the wonderful order preserved by them has been of great assistance. In Golden Gate Park are camped 20,000 persons. A huge supply station has been established there and provisions are dealt out.

Many thousands are camped in vacant lots and squares, scattered about the city, and these are the unfortunates that are hard to reach.

Six hundred men from the Ocean Shore Railway arrived to-night with wagons and implements to work on the sewer system. Inspectors are going from house to house, examining chimneys and issuing permits to build fires.

The only building standing between Mission, Howard, East and Stewart streets is the San Pablo Hotel, which is occupied and running.

The shot tower at First and Howard streets is gone. This landmark was built forty years ago. The Edison Works is partly destroyed. The Great Western Smelting and Refining Works, also the Mutual Electric Light Works, the American Rubber Company, the Vista Gas Engine Company and Folger Brothers' coffee and spice house.

MANY KILLED AND HURT: PRISON SAFE

(By Associated Press.)

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 20.—Nineteen persons were killed in San Jose by the earthquake of Wednesday and the entire business quarter was wrecked. The damage is \$2,000,000. One hundred and ten persons were killed and seventy were injured, mostly patients at Ames' Insane Asylum, near San Jose. The asylum was ruined. A company of militia is in charge of the city.

The damage to the Pacific Milling Company at Santa Clara, a suburb of San Jose, is \$150,000. The total loss in Santa Clara is \$500,000. No loss of life.

At Gilroy, \$200,000 damage; none dead. At Hollister, one man killed; \$200,000 damage. The Southern Pacific at Wrights, nearly a mile long, was in.

Provisions Running Short.

Hundreds of people are streaming into Santa Clara county from San Francisco. Strictest martial law is in force in San Jose. Mayor Worsick has asked Governor Parden for more soldiers to maintain order. A vigilance committee has been organized and placards have been posted throughout the city saying that any person found stealing or committing any lawless act or an act of violence will be summarily executed. No one is allowed in the streets after dark.

The Morland Academy, a Catholic institution at Watsonville, was damaged, but no lives were lost.

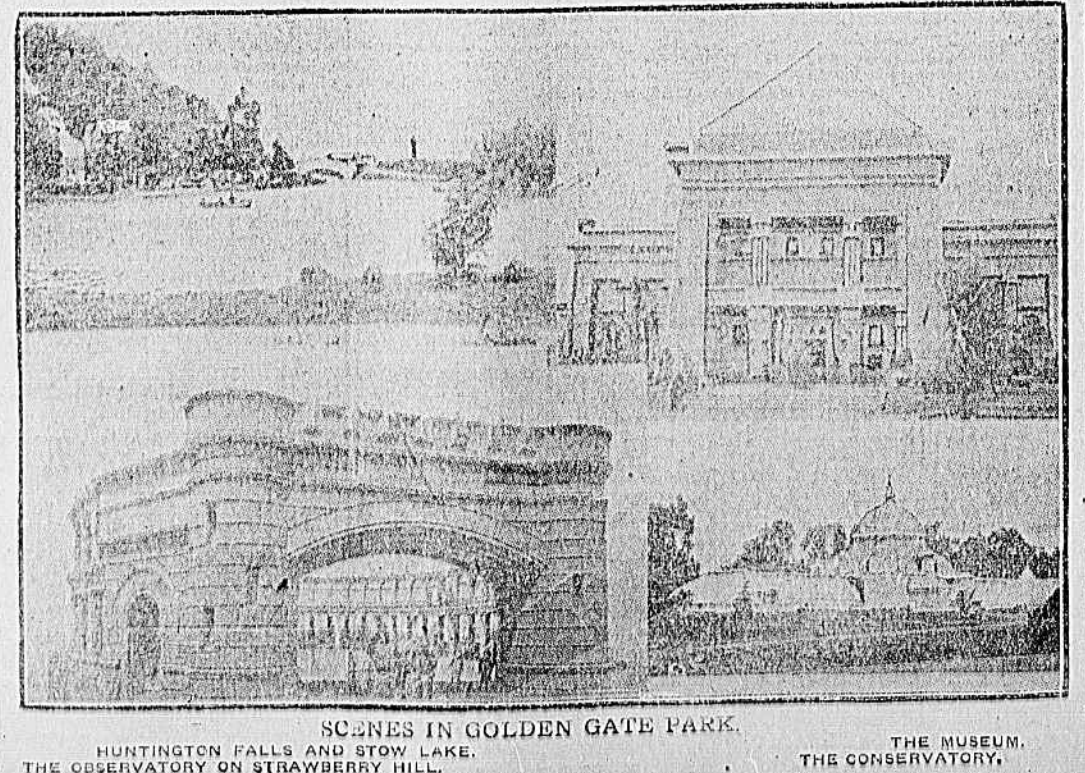
Provisions are running short in San Jose and residents are excited over stories that thousands of half-starved persons are coming from San Francisco.

MUCH ANXIETY FELT FOR FRIENDS THERE

Dr. Ross Hears From Brother.
No Word From Mr. Carrington and Some Others.

Dr. George Ross, of this city, has received a telegram from his brother, Judge Erskine Mayo Ross, who has been residing judge at a term of the United States Circuit Court in San Francisco.

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In the telegram the judge stated that he had finished his work and left the city before the calamity came upon it. He is now in Los Angeles.

Robert S. Ross, son of Judge Ross, poet and litterateur, had headquarters at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, which was completely demolished.

Dr. George W. Carrington has heard nothing as yet from his son, George, who is in California. His headquarters are in San Francisco.

Colonel G. Percy Hawes, of this city, has had no news from his son, G. Percy Hawes, Jr., who is stationed at Fort Baker, just across the bay from the city of San Francisco.

Dr. G. E. Fout, of No. 294 East Franklin Street, received a telegram from his father, who, with his wife, were in the city at the time of the earthquake. They were not injured.

Mr. J. A. Wheat, a former newspaper man of this city, is in California, but has not been heard from by his friends.

Bought Virginia Home.

Mr. W. A. Jacobs, who recently purchased the Dover place, on James river, twenty miles above Richmond, is in San Francisco, or was at the time of the earthquake. Mrs. Jacobs and her young son are at Dover, and, not having heard from Mr. Jacobs since the great disaster, they are naturally very uneasy about him. However, they appreciate the fact that the crowded condition of the few telegraph wires that are left make it almost impossible to get a reply to a private telegram in anything like a reasonable time.

Mr. Jacobs, who has large business interests in California, mostly in the city of San Francisco, bought Dover place less than a year ago, paying \$30,000 for it. Since then he has been busily engaged in improving the place, spending something like \$20,000 on it and making

he paid promptly on adjustment and without diminution of United States assets.

EASTER SERVICE.

Mrs. Gill's Boys Will Have Delightful Exercises.

Mrs. J. R. Gill, superintendent of the Richmond Male Orphan Asylum, announces that the Easter services of the asylum will take place at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. All Richmond people are cordially invited to attend. They should take the Riverview Street car at 4:20 o'clock in order to get there in time.

The services will consist of specially arranged music and addresses; and a large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Gill is being warmly congratulated on her excursion to Washington, which was a great success in every way.

Over 600 persons took the trip and 19 couples went up to be married; thirty-eight hearts that departed single from Richmond, returned beaming like nineteen.

Mrs. Gill gave her especial attention to ladies who went up unescorted.

CHICAGO MAY HAVE QUAKE, SAYS SAVANT.

CHICAGO, April 20.—There are some slight indications that Chicago may experience an earthquake within a few years, according to Professor J. Paul Goode, of the University of Chicago geology faculty.

The presence of certain species of rock in the earth inside or near the city limits, he believes, is an indication of a condition that might result in the dismantling of a portion of the city.

"An earthquake is as simple as the breaking of a timber," says Professor

SCIENTISTS HAD LONG EXPECTED DISASTER.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MADISON, WIS., April 20.—President Charles R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, one of the best known geologists in the country, formerly of the United States Geological Survey, says a disaster at San Francisco has long been expected by scientists.

Scientists have known for many years that San Francisco is dangerously located and would probably sooner or later be subjected to severe shocks," he said. "The fear has been repeatedly expressed that San Francisco would be the first to show the effect of an earthquake upon steel structures, for it has been well understood that San Francisco has the most dangerous location with reference to earthquakes of any large city in the United States."

An Easter Celebration.

The Easter celebration of the First English Lutheran church, which will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Good music, recitations and interesting address by the pastor of Barton Heights M. E. Church.

Pigeon Stops at the Jefferson.

A carrier pigeon, No. 18, flew into a window in room No. 526 at the Jefferson Hotel last night. He will be turned loose this morning, so that he can go home.

Miss Janis Fellows recently visited in Newport News.

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